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**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY two grants totaling \$285,000 to rehabilitate the airport taxiway and an aircraft storage hangar.

"I am pleased to announce this important funding to improve services and capacity at the Griffiss International Airport, which continues to be a critical part of economic growth in the Mohawk Valley," **said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee which is responsible for authorizing funds through the FAA**

"These funds will help the county maintain the highest level of services at the airport. I will continue to work to bring federal transportation funding to the Mohawk Valley."

The FAA awarded the airport \$190,000 in funding to repave the taxiway, which is currently in poor condition, to ensure safe aircraft operations and \$95,000 to continue rehabilitation of the nose dock hangar, which will permit its future use as leasable commercial hangar for continued economic development at the airport.

Air operations for Oneida County were consolidated to the Griffiss International Airport following a \$17 million commitment from the federal government through the federal FAA Airport Improvement Program. This additional funding will continue to improve the quality of services and scope of operations at the Griffiss International Airport.

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